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1. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION KNOWN TO EMBASSY, VENEZUELAN NATIONAL GUARD PLACED ORDER IN ITALY FOR TWENTY PATROL BOATS, OF WHICH TWO ARE TO BE BUILT IN ITALY AND THE REST IN VENEZUELA. SINCE THE TWO ITALIAN-BUILT BOATS HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN LAUNCHED, IT APPEARS TO BE CERTAIN THAT POWER PLANT CHOICES HAVE BEEN MADE.
2. VENEZUELAN NAVY BOUGHT SIX PATROL BOATS IN ENGLAND WHICH ALSO HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED.
3. AT THIS MOMENT, NOTHING IS KNOWN ABOUT REQUIREMENT FOR TEN BOATS. HOWEVER, THERE MIGHT BE A CONFUSION, INASMUCH AS WE ARE INFORMED THAT ITALIANS PRESENTLY INTERESTED IN BUYING PATROL BOATS IN THE UNITED STATES.

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